

AMENDMENT

In the Claims:

Kindly amend the claims as follows:

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23. (Amended) A method of liposculpturing an area of the body including a skin with multiple layers, and an underlying area made of a loculation of fat that has collagen tissue as a fibrous septae, comprising:

- providing a thermal energy source;
- positioning an energy delivery surface of the thermal energy delivery  
Source  
device on an external surface of the skin;
- creating a reverse thermal gradient which cools a top surface of the skin while heating the underlying loculation of fat, wherein a temperature of the external skin surface is lower than a temperature of the underlying loculation of fat;
- heating the skin and underlying loculation of fat sufficiently to contract the collagen tissue of the fibrous septae [by partially denaturing the collagen tissue] while minimizing cellular destruction of the external skin surface; and
- tightening at least a portion of the external surface of the skin.

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27. (Amended) The method of claim 23, wherein the thermal energy source is an RF power source and one or more RF electrodes are positioned in [the] a membrane.